

who had retreated towards Wilmington. *Vide* Caruther's Sketches, Vol. 2 of Old North State in 1776.

NOTE: From the fact that a number of cannon-balls and grape-shot have been found near the old Dead Timbers Ford in Wentworth township, just below Settle's bridge on Dan river, it is well nigh certain that some of Greene's army—(most probably Virginia reinforcements)—crossed the Dan at this point on their way to the Iron Works headquarters. Mr. Albert Wray, at Waddill P. O., has one of these cannon-balls now in his possession—having been originally a three-pounder.



### Sketch of Madison Township.

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Madison township, so named from the town of Madison, comprises that part of Rockingham county which is bounded on the south by the river Dan, on the east by the Mayo river, on the north by the Virginia line, (Henry county,) and on the west by the Stokes county line. Its greatest length, from the point where the Dan crosses the Stokes line, on or near Allen's Delight, the plantation of Major Len. W. Anderson, north to the Virginia line, is about sixteen miles; while from the mouth of Beaver Island creek, near the town of Madison, its length from north to south is perhaps not more than thirteen miles. Its greatest width from the confluence of Dan and Mayo rivers, west to Stokes line, is about six miles; while its width from the point where the Mayo enters this State, near Anglin's mill, along the Virginia line to the Stokes corner, does not exceed three miles. Making allowance for the meanderings of the Dan on the south, whose general course is easterly, and for the Mayo on the east, whose course is southerly, its diagram would give us an approximate rectangle, with an average length of about fourteen miles from north to south and an average width of about four miles.

By the most recent statistics the population, including the town of Madison with 361 inhabitants, is 1,851—being nearly the same